

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-7 and 11-15 are pending in the application. Claims 8 to 10 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 5-7 have been withdrawn without prejudice. Claims 11, 13, and 15 have been amended in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's multiple dependent objection addressed below.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 12-15 were objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. And/or cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. As amended, Applicant believes that they have addressed the Examiner's objections. Please the form of claim 11 appear to be in the acceptable format as provided for in the examples of MPEP 608.01(n).

#### **Claim Rejections § 112**

Claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn. Therefore, this rejection is mute and is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections § 102**

Claims 5-7 have been withdrawn. Claim 11 now depends from claims 1-4. Therefore, this rejection is mute and is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections § 103(a)**

Claims 1-4 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as unpatentable over US 2003/0195630 (Ferree) in view of US 2005/0113855 (Kennedy). This rejection is respectfully requested to be withdrawn as Kennedy is not a prior art reference to Applicant's claimed invention. In support of this,

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Applicants submit a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 evidencing constructive reduction to practice of the invention prior to the effective filing date of August 11, 2003 of Kennedy. Therefore, this rejection is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions in general or that would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP5172USNP/TJS for any such fees, and Applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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